

# Sporting Chance Forum on Mega-Sporting Events and Human Rights



Project Title	Sporting Chance Forum on Mega-Sporting Events and Human Rights
Project Summary	Multi-stakeholder event to discuss human rights in the context of mega-sporting events (World Cup, Olympics, etc). *note: Intern Madeline J. Wolberg, Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs, to handle this project.*
Country	United States
Agency	Department of State
DoS Office	DRL/MLGA
Post	N/A
Section	N/A
Number of Interns	2

## Project Description

The Department will host the first ever large-scale gathering on international mega-sporting events and human rights, October 13-14, 2016. The Forum demonstrates U.S. leadership on human rights and sporting events at a critical moment: Rio Olympics and Paralympics, the 2018 FIFA World Cup in Russia, the 2022 World Cup in Qatar, and the 2022 Winter Olympic Games in Beijing, which will likely exacerbate existing negative human rights and labor rights impacts in these countries. This high-level gathering will convene 100 leaders from a wide variety of relevant stakeholder groups to discuss strategies to prevent, mitigate, and remedy abuses of human rights and labor standards associated with the life cycle of major international sporting events. Recognizing the current opportunity to foster learning, build capacity and cultivate collective action, the Forum will introduce a new multi-stakeholder process to harness collective approaches to address these challenging issues.

## Desired Skills Interests

### Skill

Understanding of international human rights agreements

Detail Oriented



UN
labor issues knowledge
human rights laws knowledge
writing senior level drafts
familiar with State clearance process

## Additional Information

The Forum seeks to bring to the event International Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach, CEO of The Coca Cola Company Muhtar Kent, Swiss State Secretary Yves Rossier, and other top officials and experts. DRL separately is requesting Secretary Kerry provide the keynote address.

Spanish (advanced), French (beginner), Russian (beginner)

Familiarity with business and human rights, particularly in the context of mega-sporting events. Knowledge of the UN Guiding Principles. Familiarity with basic human rights law and labor issues. Detail oriented and knowledge of State Department paper drafting process, including formatting and clearance procedures. Experience drafting papers for senior State Department officials.

## Language Requirements

Language	Speaking Proficiency	Reading Proficiency	Importance
Spanish	Native or bilingual proficiency	Native or bilingual proficiency	Required
French	Elementary proficiency	Elementary proficiency	Required
Russian	Elementary proficiency	Elementary proficiency	Required